

by the proposed combination, where Bauer merely teaches outputting a different signal for a page than for an incoming call. Bauer does not teach affecting a characteristic of the page alerting signal, but merely teaches the outputting of this signal. In Bauer, the page alerting signal, when output, is always the same. According to the presently claimed invention, the page alerting signal can have a characteristic affected by a condition. This is not taught or suggested by Bauer, either alone or in combination with McCarthy.

In claim 29, the characteristic is recited as being affected by a "sensed condition related to a location of the handset". Applicants traverse the rejection of this claim (along with claims 30-37) for reasons similar to those outlined above. Bauer simply teaches the outputting of the alerting signal, and the fact that the page alerting signal can differ from the incoming call alerting signal. Bauer does not, however, teach or suggest any affect on a characteristic of either alerting signal.

The Examiner notes that claims 23 and 24 will be objected to as double patenting with respect to claims 38 and 42. Applicants note, however, that although these claims are similar (as one would expect, since they are in the same application and thus drawn to the same invention concept), they depend from differing independent claims. Applicants, therefore, will traverse the proposed objection.

Claims 1 and 3-8 stand rejected under obviousness type double patenting with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,269,257. A terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith, thereby obviating this rejection. Further, claims 3,4 and 8 are herein canceled. Similarly, claims 23,24,29,30,34,38 and 42 are rejected under this doctrine, over U.S. Patent No. 6,269,257 in light of McCarthy. The enclosed Terminal Disclaimer also obviates these rejections.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 39-41 and 43-45 contain allowable subject matter.

Based on the foregoing, claims 1,5-7, 23-24 and 29-45 are believed to be in condition for allowance. An early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions, or issues which could be resolved by way of an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number shown below. In particular, it might be helpful to discuss the language in presently amended claim 1, as well as the language in claim 29, relative to the applied references, especially if the Examiner intends to maintain the present rejections, but has some suggestion regarding how to amend the claims to advance prosecution.

Under separate cover to the Draftsperson is a corrected drawing submitted to correct a typographical error in Fig. 4 as pointed out by the Examiner.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Replace claims 1,23,24,29-45

Replacement Claim 1:

- 1 1. A cordless telephone, comprising:
2 a base unit, including a paging mechanism; and
3 a handset, including an alerting mechanism responsive to the paging mechanism,
4 wherein at least one of the base unit and the handset includes a page adjusting
5 mechanism to affect ~~an~~ a characteristic of a page alerting signal output from the alerting
6 mechanism based on a condition.

Replacement Claim 23:

- 1 23. A method as recited in claim ~~24~~29, wherein the sensed condition is a signal delay
2 measurement.

Replacement Claim 24:

- 1 24. A method as recited in claim ~~24~~29, wherein the sensed condition is an error
2 correction measurement.

Replacement Claim 29:

- 1 ~~429~~. A method of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone handset, comprising the
2 steps of:
3 sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and
4 affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition.

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Replacement Claim 30:

- 1 ~~230~~. A method as recited in claim ~~429~~, wherein the telephone handset is a cordless
2 telephone handset.

Replacement Claim 31:

- 1 ~~331~~. A method as recited in claim ~~230~~, wherein the location is sensed relative to a
2 corresponding base unit.

Replacement Claim 32:

- 1 ~~432~~. A method as recited in claim ~~429~~, wherein the location is sensed relative to a
2 wireless transceiver.

Replacement Claim 33:

- 1 ~~533~~. A method as recited in claim ~~429~~, wherein the characteristic is one of duration,
2 volume and tonal quality.

Replacement Claim 34:

- 1 ~~634~~. A method as recited in claim ~~429~~, wherein the condition is a received signal
2 strength indication.

Replacement Claim 35:

- 1 ~~735~~. A method as recited in claim ~~432~~, wherein the condition is a received signal
2 strength indication related to a signal from the wireless transceiver.

Replacement Claim 36:

- 1 ~~836~~. A method as recited in claim ~~735~~, wherein the wireless transceiver is part of a base
2 unit associated with the handset.

Replacement Claim 37:

- 1 ~~937~~. A method as recited in claim ~~836~~, wherein the base unit is a cordless telephone
2 base unit.

Replacement Claim 38:

1 ~~4038~~. A method as recited in claim ~~429~~, wherein the condition is a signal delay
2 measurement.

Replacement Claim 39:

1 ~~4139~~. A method as recited in claim ~~432~~, wherein the condition is a signal delay
2 measurement related to a signal from the wireless transceiver.

Replacement Claim 40:

1 ~~4240~~. A method as recited in claim ~~4139~~, wherein, the wireless transceiver is part of a
2 base unit associated with the handset.

Replacement Claim 41:

1 ~~4341~~. A method as recited in claim ~~4240~~, wherein the base unit is a cordless telephone
2 base unit.

Replacement Claim 42:

1 ~~4442~~. A method as recited in claim ~~429~~, wherein the condition is an error related
2 measurement.

Replacement Claim 43:

1 ~~4543~~. A method as recited in claim ~~432~~, wherein the condition is an error related
2 measurement related to a signal from the wireless transceiver.

Replacement Claim 44:

1 ~~4644~~. A method as recited in claim ~~4442~~, wherein the wireless transceiver is part of a
2 base unit associated with the handset.

Replacement Claim 45:

1 ~~4745~~. A method as recited in claim ~~4644~~, wherein the base unit is a cordless telephone
2 base unit.



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FIG. 3

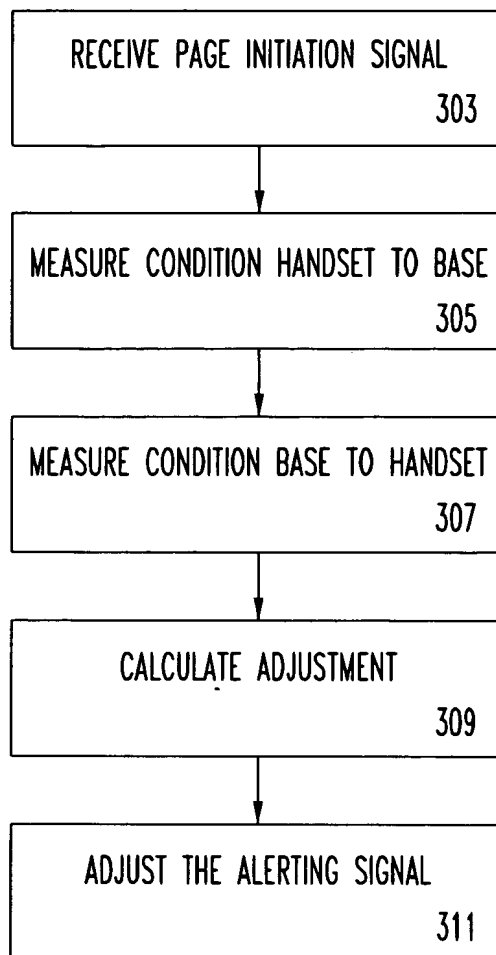


FIG. 4

